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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request notification as to the status and a date as to when an Office Action will be issued in the above-identified patent application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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